

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 414/416, State Capitol
Wednesday, February 4, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair
Sen. Dave Thomas
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Michael Waddoups

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Bethany Brady, Committee Secretary

Chair Bush called the meeting to order at 2:19 pm.

MOTION: Rep. Murray moved to approve the minutes from committee meetings on January 22, 26, and 28th. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Department of Transportation--Aeronautics

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to tentatively adopt the Aeronautics FY05 budget of \$31,501,400. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Department of Transportation-- Mineral Lease

MOTION: Sen. Thomas moved to tentatively adopt the Mineral Lease FY05 budget of \$17,269,000 along with the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways not on the State Highway System that have been heavily impacted by energy development. It is also the intent of the Legislature that private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources be encouraged to

participate in the construction of highways leading to their facilities.

The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways that are not on the State Highway System are nonlapsing.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Department of Transportation-- Sidewalk Construction

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to tentatively adopt the Sidewalk Construction FY05 budget of \$500,000 along with the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah Code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse.

If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will then be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources.

It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75 state/25 local match basis.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Department of Transportation--Support Services

The Fiscal Analyst pointed out corrections on page 3 of the Support Services section. In the column entitled Analyst FY 2005 Base, the Transportation Fund should be listed as \$23,530,500 and the Federal Funds should be listed as \$525,300. The total remains the same at \$24,055,800.

On page 14 of the Support Services section, in the column entitled 2005 Analyst, the Transportation Fund should be listed as \$4,492,200 and the Federal Funds should be listed as \$396,600. The total remains the same at \$4,888,800.

For Support Services, the Analyst recommends an FY05 budget of \$24,055,800 with 240 FTE positions.

The Analyst recommended that the FY05 appropriations for Performance Audits be reduced by fifty percent to \$64,500.

An appropriation of \$1,931,400 was recommended for the Administrative Services FY05 budget. This includes 12 FTE positions.

Loss Management's FY05 budget was recommended at \$2,939,100 with 6 FTE positions. This includes the recent actuarial estimate (\$2,497,000) of Risk Management to fund the UDOT portion for liability insurance coverage through the Division of Risk Management.

The Analyst recommended an appropriation of \$830,900 for Building and Grounds FY05 budget.

An appropriation of \$1,056,600 was recommended for the Human Resources Management program of the Department of Transportation. This includes 12 FTE positions.

Procurement's FY05 budget was recommended at \$911,800 with 17 FTE positions.

The Analyst recommended a FY05 budget of \$8,031,000 for Data Processing with 59 FTEs.

An appropriation of \$2,385,400 was recommended by the Analyst to fund the Comptroller's Office in FY05. This includes 32 FTE positions.

The Analyst recommended \$627,600 for the Internal Auditor's FY05 budget. This includes 7 FTE positions.

Community Relations recommended budget for FY05 was \$453,200, including 5 FTEs.

An appropriations of \$4,888,800 was recommended by the Analyst for the Ports of Entry and Motor Carrier programs in FY05. This includes 90 FTE positions.

John Njord, Chuck Larsen, and their staff from the DOT answered questions from the committee.

Department of Transportation--Equipment Management

The Analyst recommended that the Equipment Management program of the Department of Transportation be appropriated \$17,324,900 for their FY05 budget. This includes 105 FTEs and 5,284 vehicles.

The Maintenance Planning program's FY05 budget was recommended at \$1,104,900 with 15 FTE positions.

The Analyst's recommendation for the Shops budget for FY05 was \$8,914,800. This includes the costs of 90 FTEs.

An appropriation of \$7,305,200 was recommended for the Equipment Purchase FY05 budget.

John Njord, Chuck Larsen, and their staff from the DOT answered questions from the committee.

Chair Bush reminded the committee that their meeting on Thursday, February 5, is canceled. The committee will reconvene on Monday, February 9th.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bush adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair